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Attention: Lou Driessen, Project Manager

Subject: U.S. Department of Energy, Bonneville Power Administration
TNP-TPP-3, McNary-John Day Transmission Line Project
South Central Region
I-82, MP 131-132 (SR 14 to Columbia River) vicinity
SR 14, MP 152.24-180.77 (Benton/Klickitat County Line to I-82)
SR 221, MP 0.00 (SR 14 intersection) vicinity
Southwest Region
SR 14, MP 108.39-152.24 (John Day Dam to Benton/Klickitat County Line)

We have reviewed the proposed project, and have the following comments.

1. The proposed transmission line would cross three WSDOT-maintained highways: Interstate 82, State Highway 14, and State Highway 221.
 - I-82 is a fully-controlled limited access highway.
 - SR 14 is a partially controlled limited access highway. SR 14 west of the Benton County/Klickitat County line is in the Southwest Region of WSDOT.
 - SR 221 is a partially-controlled limited access highway in the immediate vicinity of the intersection with SR 14. North of the limited access area, SR 221 is a Class 1 Access Managed highway in the project area.
2. A Utility crossing permit is required for all highway crossings. Please contact the South Central Region Utilities Office to obtain the utility crossing permits. Please contact Jamil Anabtawi at (509) 577-1785.
3. The Bonneville Power Administration will need to coordinate any access to any project site with WSDOT's Area Maintenance offices (depending upon the location of the project site) for both construction and maintenance of the transmission lines.
 - Work or access in state rights-of-way in Benton County should be coordinated with the WSDOT South Central Region Area 3 Maintenance office. Please contact Tom Root at (509) 577-1933.

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- Work or access in state rights-of-way in Klickitat County should be coordinated with the WSDOT – Southwest Region. Please contact Bud Wall at (509) 773-4533.

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4. For any oversized or overweight hauls on WSDOT-maintained rights-of-way, the applicant must obtain the appropriate permit from WSDOT prior to transporting any of these hauls.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on this proposed project. If you have any questions concerning our comments, please contact John Gruber at (509) 577-1636.

Sincerely,

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Regional Planning Engineer

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